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BITTER WORDS! ACCUSATIONS! VIOLENT QUARRELS THAT LEFT ME CONFUSED AND SHAKEN! I COULDN'T REMEMBER A TIME WHEN MY PARENTS WEREN'T FIGHTING, OR MISERABLY RECOVERING FROM THEIR LAST HYSTERICAL OUTBREAK! NO WONDER I LEARNED TO ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE WITH ANGER, HEARTRENDING EMOTIONS AND TEARS! NO WONDER THAT I VOWED NEVER TO PLUNGE MYSELF INTO THE SAME SEA OF DESPAIR THAT I HAD COVERED BEFORE SINCE CHILDHOOD! EVEN WHEN MY HEART CRIED OUT FOR ROMANCE, MY LIPS SOUNDED A WARNING TO THE MAN I LOVED ...

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HOME TO ME HAD ALWAYS MEANT FEAR... FEAR OF THE NEXT EXPLOSION OF TEMPER! AND ALMOST ALWAYS SOME TRIVIAL THING SET OFF THE SPARK!

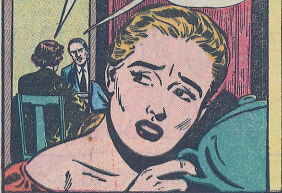
'YOU FORGOT THE SUGAR, SUSAN!

I'LL GET IT, DAD! I KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING!



YES, YOU MIGHT KNOW YOUR FATHER WOULD FIND SOMETHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT! NOTHING IS EVER RIGHT!

I DIDN'T SAY THAT! AND IF YOU WEREN'T LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, YOU'D MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!



OH! WHAT GOES ON IN THIS HOUSE ISN'T MY BUSINESS, EH? BUT YOU CAN SIT BACK AND CRITICIZE EVERY MOVE I MAKE!

MOTHER... DAD, PLEASE!



YOU'VE HOUNDED ME ALL MY LIFE! DO THIS, DO THAT! NOW YOU'LL DRIVE SUSAN CRAZY WITH YOUR...

DON'T BRING SUSAN INTO THIS...



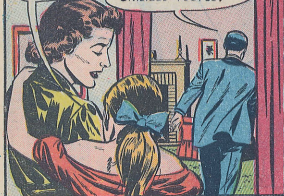
AND DON'T SLAM YOUR FISTS IN FRONT OF HER! YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT MAKE LIFE MISERABLE FOR ME, NOW YOU'LL DO IT TO HER!

I'M MAKING HER MISERABLE! OH, SURE! I'M THE ONE WHO STARTED ALL THIS!



STOP IT! STOP IT, PLEASE! SOB: I LOVE YOU BOTH SO MUCH!

HOW CAN YOU LIVE WITH A WOMAN LIKE THAT? FIGHTS! HYSTERICS! THAT'S ALL SHE KNOWS! I'M GOING OUT WHERE I CAN BE WITH CIVILIZED PEOPLE!



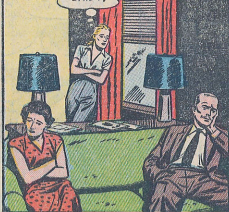
GO AHEAD! AND DON'T COME BACK! OH, SUSAN, CHILD, DON'T RUIN YOUR LIFE THE WAY I'VE RUINED MINE! MEN ARE NO GOOD! THEY'LL DO NOTHING BUT BREAK YOUR HEART!

I'LL NEVER MARRY! I'VE LISTENED TO AS MUCH OF THIS AS I CAN STAND!



AFTER THE VIOLENCE THERE WERE ALWAYS TEARS, THEN EMOTIONAL SCENES IN WHICH MY PARENTS MADE UP ... AND THEN THE TENSION OF WAITING FOR THE NEXT QUARREL!

I'LL MAKE MY OWN WAY IN LIFE! WHEN I'M OLDER I'LL FIND A JOB AND FORGET THAT MEN EVEN EXIST!



AND AS SOON AS I LEFT HIGH SCHOOL ...

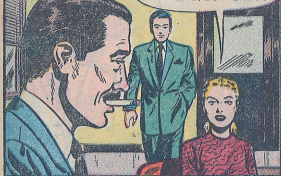
I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, MISS RICHARDS! YOU CERTAINLY KEEP YOUR MIND ON YOUR WORK!

IT'S ALL I'M INTERESTED IN, MR. BARKER!



THEN YOU'RE THE ONLY GIRL IN THE OFFICE WHO HASN'T GONE INTO A TIZZY OVER REED MAGELY!

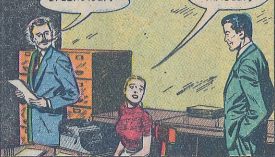
THEY TELL ME HE'S A PROMISING YOUNG LAWYER AND I KNOW HE'S VERY CONSIDERATE OF THE OFFICE HELP! BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS MY INTEREST GOES!



I WASN'T REALLY TELLING THE TRUTH! FOR IN SPITE OF MYSELF, REED MAGELY DID MAKE MY HEART BEAT FASTER!

THERE, YOU SEE, REED! YOU'RE NOT COMPLETELY IRRESISTIBLE! HERE'S ONE YOUNG LADY WHO'S MANAGING WITHOUT YOU SPLENDIDLY!

OH, I... I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE IN THE OFFICE, MR. MAGELY!



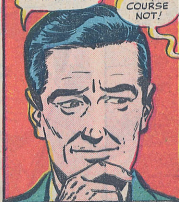
I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING! AND MY MORALE IS CRUSHED... COMPLETELY CRUSHED! JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU OUT TO DINNER!

I HOPE YOU DIDN'T MIS-UNDERSTAND!



OF COURSE I DID! NOW I'LL BE A TOTAL WRECK IF YOU TURN ME DOWN! YOU WOULDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN!

NO, NO, OF COURSE NOT!



WONDERFUL! WE'LL GO TO THE CAPRI SOON AS WE LEAVE THE OFFICE! DATE?

IT CAN'T DO ANY HARM! AFTER ALL, NEITHER OF US HAVE ANY SERIOUS INTENTIONS AND IT MIGHT BE FUN!



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THAT EVENING WITH REED WAS LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!

THE PARTY OF THE FIRST PART HEREBY REQUESTS, SUGGESTS AND URGES THAT THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART TASTE THIS CAESAR SALAD!

HA! HA! THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART REFUSES ON THE GROUNDS THAT SHE IS HAVING ALL SHE CAN DO TO HANDLE THIS STEAK!



YOU NEVER SAW A STAGE PLAY BEFORE! OH, COME ON, YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS?

HONESTLY, REED! I... DON'T GET AROUND MUCH, BUT I SEE I'VE BEEN MISSING A LOT!



YOU KNOW, YOU'RE PRETTY WHEN YOU SMILE, SUSAN! YOU OUGHT TO MAKE A HABIT OF IT!

MAYBE I HAVE SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT TO-NIGHT! I'M HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME!



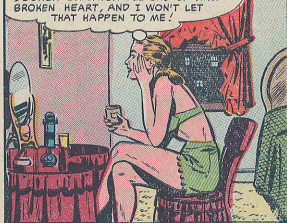
I EXPECTED REED TO TRY TO KISS ME THAT NIGHT, BUT IN SPITE OF MY MOTHER'S COUNTLESS WARNINGS ABOUT MEN, HE BEHAVED LIKE THE PERFECT GENTLEMAN HE WAS!

GOOD NIGHT, SUSAN! WE'LL HAVE TO DO A REPEAT PERFORMANCE SOON!

I HOPE SO, REED! AND THANK YOU!



HE'S WONDERFUL, BUT... I CAN'T LET MYSELF GROW TOO FOND OF HIM! SOONER OR LATER I'LL END UP WITH A BROKEN HEART, AND I WON'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO ME!



BUT I COULDN'T DICTATE TO MY HEART! BEFORE LONG REED AND I WERE A STEADY TWOSOME... AND I KNEW: IT WAS HOPELESS TO FIGHT AGAINST LOVE!

WE'LL STAY LONG ENOUGH TO WATCH THE SUN-SET! IF I GET YOU HOME EARLY ENOUGH, MAYBE I'LL GET TO MEET YOUR FOLKS!

ER...NO, I...I DON'T THINK THEY'LL BE HOME! THAT IS... THEY SAID THEY'D BE OUT LATE TO-NIGHT, REED!



THAT'S TOO BAD! I'M ANXIOUS TO MEET THE PEOPLE WHO RAISED AN ANGEL LIKE YOU!

SILLY! I'D DIE OF EMBARRASSMENT IF HE EVER MET THEM AND THEY STAGED ONE OF THEIR FIGHTS! AND THEY'VE BEEN WORSE THAN EVER LATELY!

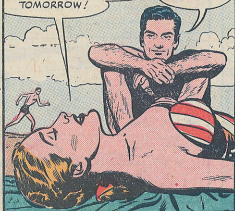


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I KNEW IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT REED WOULD LEARN THE TRUTH ABOUT MY HOME LIFE SOMEDAY! AND I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT SOMETHING ELSE WAS INEVITABLE... SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED ONE SUNDAY AFTER-NOON!

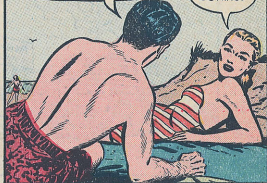
DOESN'T THAT SUN FEEL WONDERFUL? I HATE THE THOUGHT OF GOING BACK TO THE OFFICE TOMORROW!

THAT CAN BE ARRANGED, YOU KNOW!



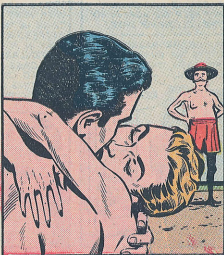
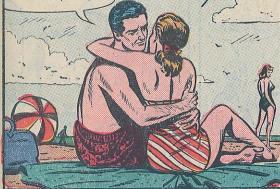
FOR INSTANCE, WE COULD SPEND A MONTH ON SOME SECLUDED BEACH IF WE TOOK TIME OUT FOR A HONEYMOON! AND IF YOU WERE MARRIED TO A CERTAIN UP AND COMING LAWYER, YOU WOULDN'T BE GOING TO WORK AT ALL!

REED! YOU'RE JOKING!



I WAS NEVER MORE SERIOUS IN MY LIFE! I LOVE YOU, SUSAN! YOU MUST KNOW THAT! AND I'M CRAZY ENOUGH TO THINK YOU LOVE ME, TOO!

OH, YES, REED... YES, I DO!

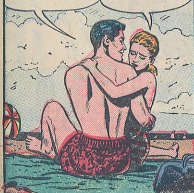


FOR ONE BREATH-LESS MOMENT I FORGOT MY GRIM DECISION NEVER TO MARRY, AND LOST MYSELF IN THE THROB-BING ECSTASY OF REED'S KISS!

AND THEN!

JUST NAME THE DAY, DARLING! AND MAKE IT SOON!

THERE... ISN'T GOING TO BE A DAY, REED! PLEASE... PLEASE DON'T ASK ME WHY!



BUT YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME, SUSAN!

I CAN'T MARRY YOU! I DON'T WANT TO MARRY ANYONE! NOT EVER!

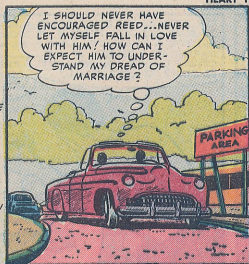


SO IT WAS JUST A SLEIGHTRIDE, EH? BUT IT WASN'T FAIR, SUSAN! IT WASN'T FAIR TO LEAD ME THIS FAR AND THEN LET ME DOWN!

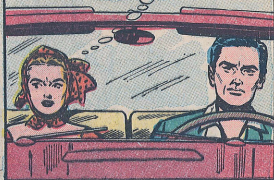
I'M SORRY, REED! I HAVEN'T WANTED TO HURT YOU! THIS HAS ALL BEEN A TERRIBLE MISTAKE!



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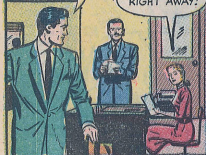
PETTY BICKERING, NAGGING, HATING EACH OTHER EVENTUALLY! I'VE SEEN WHAT IT'S DONE TO MOTHER AND DAD! I'D RATHER LOSE REED NOW THAN GO THROUGH A LIFETIME OF TORMENT WHEN THE HONEYMOON IS OVER!



OK, MY REASONING WAS SOUND! BUT IT DIDN'T HELP THE ACHE IN MY HEART IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS!

GOOD MORNING, MR. BARKER! I'D LIKE TO SEE THE BRIEFS ON THE JORDAN CASE WHEN YOU HAVE TIME, SUSAN!

YESSIR! RIGHT AWAY!



WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM? YOU'D THINK HE WAS ADDRESSING THE JURY IN A PARTICULARLY DULL CASE INSTEAD OF GREETING HIS BEST GIRL!

YOU MUST HAVE GOTTEN THE WRONG IMPRESSION, MR. BARKER! I'M NOT HIS BEST GIRL! WE'RE JUST ...FRIENDS!



HMM! MY POWERS OF OBSERVATION MUST BE FAILING ME! I HAD DEDUCED THAT YOU WERE RATHER FOND OF EACH OTHER! MY MISTAKE!

NO! NO, IT'S MY MISTAKE! BUT IT'S BETTER THIS WAY FOR BOTH OF US!



REED WAS POLITE BUT COOL TO ME AT THE OFFICE! THAT WAS WHY I WAS SO SHOCKED ONE EVENING, WHEN...

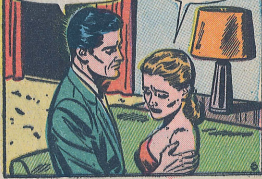
REED! I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES!

AND I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EARS WHEN YOU SAID YOU LOVED ME BUT WOULDN'T CONSIDER MARRIAGE! I CAN'T GET YOU OFF MY MIND, SUSAN!



YOU LOOKED SO HELPLESS AND CONFUSED THE OTHER DAY! WHY? WHY DID YOU SHUDDER WHEN I TALKED ABOUT OUR GETTING MARRIED?

I DIDN'T WANT TO TELL YOU THIS, REED! BUT PERHAPS IF I DO, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND AND... FORGET ABOUT ME!



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I TREMBLED UNDER REED'S TOUCH, BUT I WAS DETERMINED TO TELL HIM WHY I HAD MADE MY HEART-BREAKING DECISION! BUT AS I BEGAN THE SORDID STORY...



YOU KNEW PERFECTLY WELL I WAS DOUBLE-PARKED! YOU HAD TO TAKE YOUR TIME, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU DO THE SHOPPING! SEE HOW WELL YOU GET ALONG WITH NOTHING BUT CRITICISM FOR ALL YOUR TROUBLE!

MOTHER... DAD... THIS IS REED MAGELY FROM MY OFFICE! YOU REMEMBER I... I TALKED ABOUT HIM!

GLAD TO KNOW YOU, YOUNG MAN! EXCUSE THE PACKAGES! WE'VE BEEN SHOPPING!



FOR A MOMENT MY HOPES WERE HIGH! THEY WERE PUTTING ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR!

IF YOU'LL WAIT JUST A MINUTE, I'LL FIX COFFEE AND WE'LL SIT DOWN AND TALK!

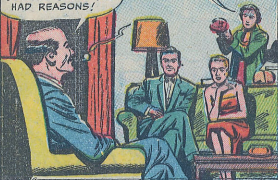
THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL, MRS. RICHARDS! I'VE BEEN WANTING TO MEET SUSAN'S PARENTS FOR A LONG TIME!



BUT MY HOPES WERE SHATTERED IN THE NEXT INSTANT!

I'VE KIND OF WONDERED WHY SUSAN HADN'T INVITED YOU OVER, BUT... I GUESS SHE HAD REASONS!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?



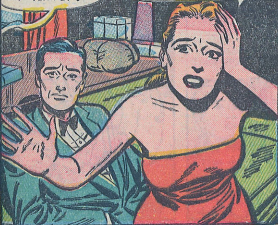
WHO SAID I MEANT ANYTHING BY IT? GO ON! TRY TO MAKE SOMETHING OF IT! BLOW IT UP INTO SOMETHING BIG!

THIS IS WHY SHE WON'T BRING FRIENDS HERE! BECAUSE OF YOUR VILE NASTY TEMPER!



MY TEMPER! LISTEN TO HER! MY TEMPER!

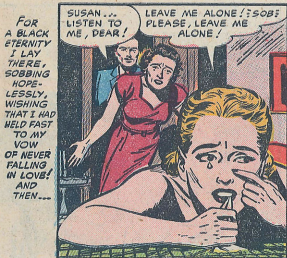
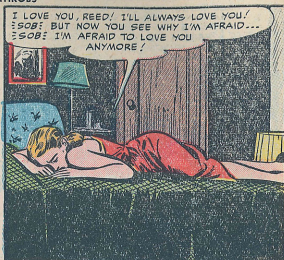
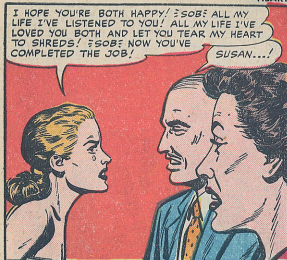
OH, DON'T! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T!



REED... DON'T STAY! I... I'VE BEEN HUMILIATED ENOUGH! I'LL... TALK TO YOU SOME OTHER TIME!

YOU SEE? YOU SEE? YOU CAN BLAME YOURSELF FOR THIS, JIM RICHARDS!



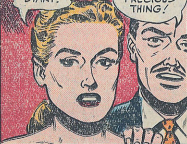


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AND SUDDENLY, IN THE REFLECTED LIGHT OF MY PARENTS' WONDERFUL NEW DISCOVERY, I SAW MY OWN PROBLEM CLEARLY!

YOU HAD TO WAIT THIS LONG TO FIND LOVE! AND REED AND I HAVE KNOWN IT RIGHT FROM THE START!

DON'T LET IT SLIP AWAY FROM YOU, SUSAN! IT'S A PRECIOUS THING!



I'VE GOT TO FIND REED AND TELL HIM BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!



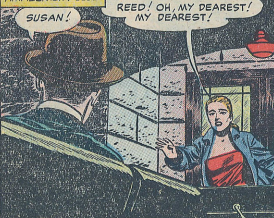
WAIT, SUSAN! YOU'LL SEE HIM AT THE OFFICE! OR YOU CAN PHONE HIM!

LET HER GO, JIM! SHE'LL FIND HIM WHEREVER HE IS! THEY'VE LOST TOO MUCH TIME ALREADY!

THINK OF THE YEARS WE'VE LOST, ALICE! BUT WE'LL MAKE THEM UP TO EACH OTHER FOR HER SAKE... AND FOR OUR OWN!



FRANTICALLY, NOT KNOWING WHERE I WAS GOING, I RAN OUT OF THE APARTMENT! AND TO MY AMAZEMENT ----



SUSAN!

REED! OH, MY DEAREST! MY DEAREST!

I COULDN'T LEAVE! I'VE BEEN SITTING HERE RACKING MY BRAINS, WONDERING WHAT I COULD DO OR SAY TO MAKE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I LOVE YOU! THAT I WANT TO MAKE YOU HAPPY!

I DO UNDERSTAND, REED! IT WASN'T MARRIAGE I DREADED! IT WAS MARRIAGE WITHOUT LOVE!



AND LOVE IS SOMETHING WE'VE GOT TO SPARE, DARLING!

HOLD ME CLOSE, REED! HOLD ME CLOSE AND TELL ME IT WILL ALWAYS BE LIKE THIS!



ALWAYS IS A LONG, LONG TIME! BUT AS I WALKED DOWN THE AISLE A SHORT TIME LATER, I KNEW THAT THE MIRACLE OF LOVE KNEW NO OBSTACLES!

I'M SO HAPPY FOR HER, JIM!

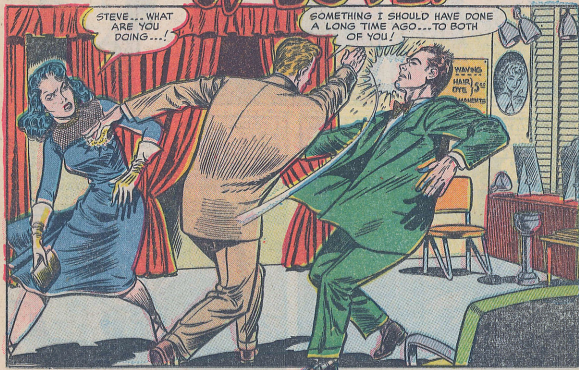
HERE, NOW! IS THAT A REASON TO CRY, MOMMY! THIS IS THE MOST WONDERFUL DAY IN OUR LIVES!



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THERE WERE TWO MEN IN MY LIFE... BOTH OF WHOM LOVED ME! BUT ONE COULDN'T MARRY ME... AND THE OTHER WOULDN'T! AND I LOST THEM BOTH BECAUSE...

I Didn't Know the Meaning of LOVE!



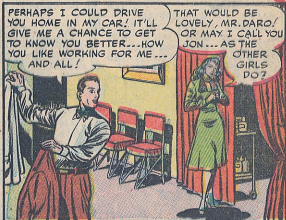
I HAD ONLY KNOWN STEVE WOODS FOR A MONTH... YET, SOMEHOW, I FELT THAT I'D KNOWN HIM ALL MY LIFE! AND AS I CLUNG TO HIM, WITH MY LIPS TREMBLING BENEATH HIS, I THOUGHT OF ALL THE WONDERFUL YEARS THAT LAY BEFORE US!



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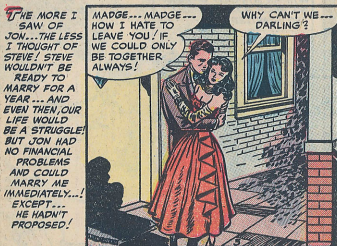
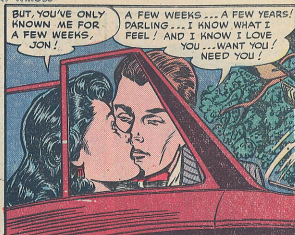
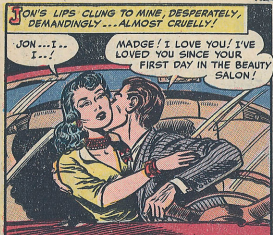
TWELVE MONTHS... AN ETERNITY! THE THOUGHT OF WAITING THAT LONG FOR A MARRIAGE THAT EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING ACHED FOR WAS UN-BEARABLE! BUT I WOULD BE MARRIED... AND IN LESS THAN A YEAR I'D SEE TO THAT!



MENTIONING THE SUBWAY WAS AN AFTERTHOUGHT WHICH HAD THE DESIRED EFFECT! I WANTED TO KNOW JON, NOT AS AN EMPLOYER, BUT AS A MAN! IN THE FOLLOWING WEEKS, WE DROVE HOME SEVERAL TIMES TOGETHER! AND THEN STEVE WENT OUT OF TOWN ON A CONSTRUCTION JOB, LEAVING ME LONELY!



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JON...! WHAT'S THE MATTER!

MADGE...I'VE BEEN A FOOL! I KNEW IT WOULD COME TO THIS! BUT, MADGE... BELIEVE ME, I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF! YOU'RE IN MY BLOOD!



JON...WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY!

MADGE...I...I'M MARRIED! I HAVE A TWO YEAR OLD DAUGHTER!



A...A DAUGHTER!

I WANTED TO TELL YOU...DARLING... BUT I COULDN'T! I KNEW THAT WOULD END EVERYTHING...AND I COULDN'T STOP SEEING YOU! BUT NOW, I SUPPOSE IT'S ALL OVER!



YOU "SUPPOSE," DO YOU THINK I'M GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO CONTINUE MAKING A FOOL OF ME, OF ALL THE BRAZEN, HIGH-HANDED...! GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I THROW SOMETHING AT YOU...!

MADGE...!

FOR DAYS I WAS HARDLY ABLE TO BELIEVE WHAT HAD HAPPENED! IT SEEMED INCREDIBLE THAT AS WEAK A PERSON AS JON HAD BEEN ABLE TO FOOL ME...A MAN, MADLY IN LOVE WITH ME, WHOM I COULD TWIST AROUND MY LITTLE FINGER! THEN STEVE RETURNED!



STEVE! YOU'RE BACK!

HI, DARLING! I SHOULD BE MAD AT YOU FOR NOT WRITING MORE OFTEN...BUT HOW CAN I BE MAD WITH YOU IN MY ARMS?



DARLING...I'VE MISSED YOU SO! AND I STARTED SO MANY LETTERS...BUT I WAS ALWAYS IN TEARS BEFORE I COULD FINISH THEM!

HONEY...WHAT WAS THERE TO CRY ABOUT! I WAS ONLY GONE FOR SIX WEEKS...AND YOU KNEW I'D BE BACK SOON!



I KNOW, STEVE, BUT...! OH, DARLING...! IF ONLY WE COULD BE MARRIED NOW! NOTHING ELSE WOULD MATTER!

MADGE... WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE! WHEN WE GET MARRIED, I WANT TO HAVE A NICE APARTMENT, SOME MONEY IN THE BANK!



BUT...! SOB...! I WANT TO BE MARRIED NOW, STEVE! I CAN'T STAND THIS WAITING! I FEEL AS IF I'M BEING...! SOB...! TORN INTO LITTLE PIECES!

DARLING...I'D LIKE NOTHING BETTER THAN TO BE MARRIED TONIGHT! BUT MONEY PROBLEMS CAN WRECK A MARRIAGE...AND I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO RUIN OURS!

WHERE JON WAS WEAK AND GOVERNED ENTIRELY BY HIS EMOTIONS, STEVE WAS IMMOVABLY STRONG, AND NOTHING I COULD SAY WOULD CHANGE HIS MIND! SO THE NEXT DAY I RETURNED TO MY JOB! I FELT JON'S EYES ON ME ALL DAY... AND SUDDENLY I KNEW WHAT I WOULD DO!

OH... JON! I WAS JUST LEAVING... BUT I WANTED TO TRY THIS NEW LIP-STICK BRUSH! I DON'T SEEM TO BE DOING TOO WELL WITH IT!

IF... IF YOU WANT, MADGE... I THINK I COULD SHOW YOU HOW TO USE IT!

FIRST... YOU OUTLINE THE LIPS...

YOU SHOULD KNOW MY LIPS WELL... JON! THEY WERE YOURS FOR MANY UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS!

DARLING... I NEED YOU! I WANT TO MARRY YOU!

MADGE... THERE'S NOTHING I WANT MORE! BUT... BUT WHAT CAN WE DO?

YOU CAN GET A DIVORCE IN RENO IN SIX WEEKS!

BUT... A DIVORCE... MY WIFE! AND MY DAUGHTER...! I LOVE MY DAUGHTER, MADGE!

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HER, DARLING! BUT YOU'VE GOT TO THINK OF US... OF OUR HAPPINESS!

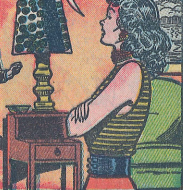
OUR HAPPINESS! YES... YOU'RE RIGHT, MARGE. I'VE GOT TO THINK OF YOU! BUT HOW CAN I BREAK THIS TO MY WIFE?

WE'LL WORK THAT OUT, JON! BUT WE'VE GOT TO KEEP THE IMPORTANT THING FOREMOST... OUR MARRIAGE... AND OUR HAPPINESS!

AT LAST, THINGS WERE WORKING OUT THE WAY I WANTED THEM! JON, COMPLETELY IN MY POWER, WOULD GET HIS DIVORCE! TO MARRY A MAN WHO LOVED ME DESPERATELY... A MAN WHO COULD GIVE ME EVERYTHING I CRAVED! WHEN STEVE ARRIVED THE NEXT EVENING...

WHAT, NO KISS FOR ME? YOU'RE NOT MAD AT ME FOR THE OTHER NIGHT!

NO... I'M VERY HAPPY! AND I WANT YOU TO BE THE FIRST TO KNOW! I'M MARRYING JON DARO!



HEART THROBS



YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE, STEVE! BUT NOW I'M THROUGH WAITING!

YOU...YOU'RE MARRYING YOUR BOSS! BUT YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH ME! IS MARRIAGE MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN WHO YOU MARRY? WHAT KIND OF PERSON ARE YOU?

BUT STEVE'S RE-ACTION BOTHERED ME NOT AT ALL! I FELT TRIUMPHANT AND POWERFUL... AND SAID PERHAPS MORE THAN I SHOULD HAVE!

NOTHING YOU CAN SAY OR DO WILL CHANGE ANYTHING, STEVE! JON AND I WILL BE MARRIED AS SOON AS HIS DIVORCE IS GRANTED!



HIS DIVORCE? ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND, MADGE? I'M GLAD I FOUND OUT WHAT YOU'RE LIKE BEFORE I MARRIED YOU! NOW, I ONLY FEEL SORRY FOR DARO!

AS STEVE LEFT IT WAS ALL I COULD DO TO KEEP FROM LAUGHING AFTER HIM! THE FOLLOWING WEEK WASN'T EASY! JON SEEMED UNABLE TO MENTION DIVORCE TO HIS WIFE!



DARLING...THE LONGER YOU WAIT, THE MORE DIFFICULT IT WILL BE! YOU'VE GOT TO SPEAK TO HER.

I WANT TO, MADGE! I SWEAR IT! BUT...THEN I THINK OF MY DAUGHTER...AND OF HOW MY WIFE WILL TAKE IT! SHE LOVES ME...AND I...



STEVE...!



WHO...?

SHUT UP, DARO, AND LISTEN TO ME! YOUR LOVING MADGE ASKED ME TO MARRY HER LAST WEEK! SHE DOESN'T CARE WHICH ONE OF US IT IS...AS LONG AS IT'S SOON! SHE'S A SICK GIRL...



HE'S LYING!

SHUT UP! I MET YOUR WIFE AND DAUGHTER THE OTHER DAY, DARO... ON A RUSE! I SAID I WAS SELLING VACUUMS! THEY'RE TOO GOOD TO BE HURT BY YOU AND MADGE!



WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I...I'M GOING BACK TO THEM! THIS PAST WEEK HAS BEEN TORTURE! I REALIZED I STILL LOVE MY WIFE...BUT MADGE WAS IN MY BLOOD...EATING AWAY AT ME! BUT I THINK I'VE REGAINED MY SENSES!

JON... YOU LOVE ME! YOU MUST!



NOT ANY MORE, MADGE! IT'S ALL OVER...GOOD-BYE!

STEVE... I LOVE YOU!

LOVE ME? NO, MADGE... YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW THE MEANING OF LOVE! GOOD-BYE!

AS THE TWO MEN IN MY LIFE WALKED AWAY, LEAVING ME SHAKEN AND SOBBING, I KNEW THAT STEVE HAD SPOKEN THE TRUTH! BOTH MEN WERE IRRETRIEVABLY LOST, BUT I KNEW THAT IF I SHOULD EVER MEET ANOTHER MAN I COULD LOVE, HIS LOVE WOULD BE ALL THAT MATTERED!

I FINALLY Won My Man



OH, BOB, SHE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU! SHE'S A CHEAT AND SHE'LL NEVER LOVE YOU THE WAY I DO!

LIVING NEXT DOOR TO CYNTHIA DAVIES, I COULDN'T HELP KNOWING THAT HER LIPS WERE AVAILABLE TO ANY MAN WHO SHOWED THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN HER! BUT MRS. DAVIES WAS EITHER BLIND TO THE FACTS, OR DETERMINED TO HIDE HER DAUGHTER'S SHAMELESS CHARACTER FROM THE WORLD! I LEARNED THE REASON FOR HER HYPOCRISY TOO LATE, WHEN THE MAN I LOVED FELL INTO THE RELENTLESS TRAP CYNTHIA AND HER MOTHER HAD SET FOR HIM!

WHENEVER SHE BRAGGED ABOUT CYNTHIA, I USED TO WONDER HOW MUCH OF IT MRS. DAVIES BELIEVED HERSELF!

LOTS OF FOLKS WONDER WHY I KEEP MY JOB AND WON'T LET CYNTHIA GO TO WORK! BUT YOU KNOW HER, ELLEN! THE POOR, NAIVE LITTLE THING WOULD BE SIMPLY LOST IN THE BUSINESS WORLD!

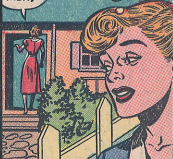
DO YOU REALLY THINK SO, MRS. DAVIES?

HEAVENS, YES! SHE'S SUCH A SWEET, TRUSTING CHILD! KNOWS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT MEN!

NOT MUCH! WHAT SHE REALLY MEANS IS THAT SHE WOULDN'T TRUST CYNTHIA OUT ALONE!

POOR WOMAN! PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT THE WILD GOINGS ON IN THAT HOUSE THE MINUTE SHE STEPS OUT TO GO TO WORK!

I HAVE AN IDEA SHE'D LIKE TO MARRY CYNTHIA OFF TO SOME POOR, UNSUBSPECTING MALE! IT'S FOR SURE THAT NONE OF THE LOCAL BOYS WOULD MARRY HER... NOT WITH CYNTHIA'S REPUTATION!



OF COURSE WHAT CYNTHIA DAVIES DID WAS NONE OF MY BUSINESS! AT LEAST IT DIDN'T CONCERN ME... UNTIL BOB SHERWOOD ENTERED THE PICTURE!

THERE'S ELLEN NOW! COME IN, DEAR! I WANT YOU TO MEET BOB SHERWOOD!

NOT BOB SHERWOOD FROM WINDALE! MOTHER'S TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOUR FAMILY!



BOB'S FOLKS AND I WENT TO SCHOOL TOGETHER AND NOW GUESS WHAT? HE'S GOING TO BE OUR STAR BOARDER WHILE HE'S HANDLING A SPECIAL JOB FOR HIS COMPANY HERE IN TOWN!

I FEEL RIGHT AT HOME, TOO! YOUR MOM HAS SEEN TO THAT, ELLEN!



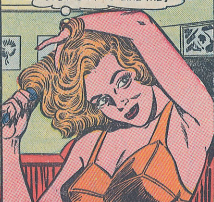
LEAVE IT TO MOM! SHE'LL PROBABLY NAG YOU ABOUT SMOKING TOO MUCH AND CARRYING AN UMBRELLA TO WORK, BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL ENJOY IT HERE!

I KNOW! I STARTED ENJOYING IT THE MINUTE YOU WALKED INTO THE ROOM!



BOB'S FRIENDLY SMILE, HIS APPARENT INTEREST IN ME SENT MY HOPES SOARING! HERE WAS THE MAN I HAD BEEN DREAMING ABOUT!

I'LL WEAR MY NEW COTTON AND COMB MY HAIR THE WAY THAT MODEL WORE IT IN FASHION MAGAZINE! HE'S JUST GOT TO LIKE ME!



BUT I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHOSE HEART BEAT FASTER WITH THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW GUEST! THAT EVENING!

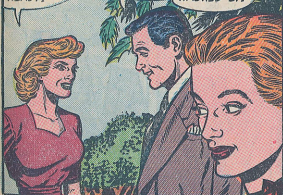
THEY CERTAINLY DIDN'T WASTE ANY TIME! AND JUST LOOK AT THAT SWEET LITTLE-GIRL GET-UP CYNTHIA'S WEARING!

OH, I THINK IT'S JUST WONDERFUL TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM A SMALL TOWN LIVING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD! I HAVE TO BE SO CAREFUL ABOUT THE YOUNG MEN CYNTHIA MEETS! MOST OF THEM DON'T APPRECIATE A SHY, OLD-FASHIONED GIRL, YOU KNOW!



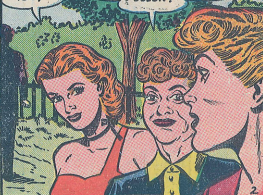
EXCUSE ME, BOB, BUT DINNER'S ALMOST READY!

SWELL! I WAS JUST GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH THE NEIGHBORS, ELLEN. HOPE YOUR MOM ALLOWS ME A FEW MINUTES TO GET WASHED UP!



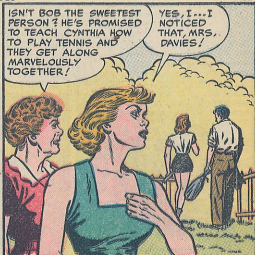
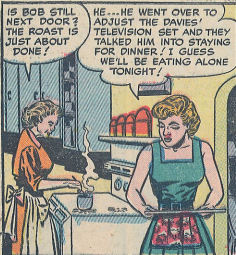
MY, ISN'T HE HANDSOME!! AND SO FRIENDLY, TOO!

EXACTLY THE KIND OF MAN I'VE WANTED CYNTHIA TO MEET! YOU MUST BRING HIM OVER SOME EVENING SOON, ELLEN!



HEART THROBS

THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF MRS. DAVIES' DETERMINED CAMPAIGN TO WIN BOB FOR HER DAUGHTER! AND WITH EACH DAY I FOUND MYSELF GROWING FONDER OF BOB AND MORE TORMENTED BY MY JEALOUSY OF CYNTHIA!



WORKS DRAGGED INTO MONTHS, WITH BOB TREATING ME LIKE A BIG SISTER, AND WITH EVERY MENTION OF CYNTHIA'S NAME STABBING ME LIKE A KNIFE! AND THEN...



HEART THROBS

I HAD KEPT HOPING THAT SOONER OR LATER BOB WOULD REALIZE CYNTHIA WAS NOT THE SWEET PICTURE OF INNOCENCE HER MOTHER HAD PAINTED! BUT NOW MY HEART FELT CRUSHED AS MY LAST HOPE WAS SHATTERED!

OH, MOM, I LOVE HIM SO! :SOB: AND SHE'LL ONLY MAKE HIM MISERABLE!

I'VE STARTED TO TELL BOB THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT GIRL A DOZEN TIMES! BUT SOMEHOW, I....CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO TELL HIM SHE'S A CHEAT! WHAT PROOF WOULD I HAVE?



THE FELLOWS WHO KNOW WHAT SHE'S LIKE WOULD NEVER ADMIT IT! AND BESIDES.... BOB WOULD NEVER BELIEVE IT! HE'S TOO INFATUATED WITH HER!

WHY COULDN'T HE LEARN TO LOVE ME? :SOB: OH, I DESPISE HER! I DESPISE THEM BOTH! :SOB:



I COULD BARELY LOOK AT BOB IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED WITHOUT SWALLOWING HARD TO HOLD BACK THE TEARS! BUT I FELT ONLY CONTEMPT FOR CYNTHIA AND MRS. DAVIES!

ELLEN, DARLING, CYNTHIA'S JUST GOT TO ASK YOU WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THAT BRIDAL GOWN PATTERN WE CHOSE! SOMETHING MORE DEMURE WOULD SUIT HER BETTER, DON'T YOU THINK?

OH, WHY DON'T YOU STOP THE SHAM? YOU'VE GOT HIM NOW! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SICKENING ABOUT THAT SHY VIOLET ACT OF YOURS!



WHY, ELLEN! WHAT'S COME OVER YOU?

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT? YOU'RE DUPING AN UNSUSPECTING MAN INTO MARRYING THAT... THAT TRAMP! AND YOU KNOW WHAT SHE IS! YOU KNOW WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO TO HIS LIFE!



I'VE HEARD ENOUGH! COME ALONG, CYNTHIA! WE'LL NEVER SET FOOT IN THIS HOUSE AGAIN!

I KNOW WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER, MOTHER! SHE'S JUST JEALOUS!

MAYBE I AM! MAYBE I HAVE A REASON TO BE! BECAUSE I LOVE HIM AND THAT'S MORE THAN YOU CAN SAY! :SOB:

HERE, WHAT'S GOING ON?



NOTHING... NOTHING AT ALL!

DON'T MIND HER, BOB! COME OVER LATER AND I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT!



BOB LOOKED AT ME STRANGELY AS HIS BRIDE-TO-BE LEFT THE HOUSE! AND THEN!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, ELLEN! WHY WERE YOU SO ANGRY WITH MRS. DAVIES?

I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, BOB!



BUT YOU'VE GOT TO TALK ABOUT IT! I DON'T WANT MY BEST FRIENDS SNAPPING AT EACH OTHER A FEW WEEKS BEFORE THE WEDDING! WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER?

I ASKED HER TO STOP PUTTING ON AN ACT! I'VE LIVED NEXT DOOR TO CYNTHIA LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW SHE'S NOT THE GOODY-GOODY YOU THINK SHE IS!



ELLEN! THAT... THAT'S A RATHER STRONG ACCUSATION, ISN'T IT? LOOK, I... I'M SORRY IF YOU'VE BEEN HURT BY ME! BUT DON'T TAKE IT OUT ON CYNTHIA BY CASTING REFLECTIONS ON HER CHARACTER!

TRUE, BOB! SHE'S NOTHING BUT A CHEAP LITTLE...



STOP! YOU'VE BEEN A GOOD FRIEND TO ME, ELLEN! DON'T SPOIL OUR FRIENDSHIP NOW BY SAYING SOMETHING YOU'LL REGRET!

I... I'M SORRY, BOB! I ONCE SAID THAT WHAT CYNTHIA DOES IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS! I SHOULD HAVE FELT THAT WAY ABOUT YOU!

UNDER PRESSURE FROM BOB, AND TOO NUMB TO FIGHT AGAINST THE DECEPTION ANY LONGER, I EVEN APOLOGIZED TO MRS. DAVIES AND CYNTHIA! AND I WAS ALMOST WILLING TO ADMIT BOB'S LOVE HAD CHANGED HER, WHEN...

MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO RUN OVER AND KEEP CYNTHIA COMPANY A WHILE, DEAR! BOB DROVE MRS. DAVIES TO KEEP HER DENTAL APPOINTMENT AND CYNTHIA'S ALONE!

IS SHE? IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S ALONE TO ME!



WHY... THAT CAN'T BE BOB! I SAW HIM DRIVE OFF HALF AN HOUR AGO WITH HER MOTHER!

NO... NO, IT ISN'T BOB! I SAW JIM FARROWS GOING INTO THE HOUSE A FEW MINUTES AGO! HE JUST GOT BACK TO TOWN AND I'LL BET ANYTHING SHE INVITED HIM OVER!



AN UNPRINCIPLED LITTLE HUSSY! BOB SHOULD KNOW THIS!

HE'S GOING TO KNOW, MOTHER! ONLY WE AREN'T GOING TO TELL HIM! YOU KNOW... I'VE BEEN THINKING I OUGHT TO GIVE BOB AND CYNTHIA AN ENGAGEMENT PARTY!



IT WAS A WILD IDEA THAT HAD ENTERED MY MIND! BUT CYNTHIA'S SHAMEFUL BEHAVIOR MADE ME DETERMINED TO TAKE ONE MORE DESPERATE CHANCE!

I'LL INVITE EVERY FELLOW CYNTHIA EVER KNEW! MAYBE, BEFORE THE EVENING IS OVER, SHE'LL SLIP AND LET BOB SEE WHAT SHE'S REALLY LIKE!



AS I EXPECTED, MRS. DAVIES OBJECTED TO MY PLANS FOR A PARTY!

IT'S VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU, ELLEN, BUT, REALLY, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD GO TO ALL THE TROUBLE! BESIDES, BOB DOESN'T KNOW MOST OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN TOWN!

I'LL HAVE TO MEET CYNTHIA'S FRIENDS SOMETIME, WON'T I? I THINK A PARTY WOULD BE FUN!



AND SO, A FEW WEEKS LATER!

LOVELY PARTY, MRS. BARRETT! OF COURSE, CROWDS ALWAYS FRIGHTEN CYNTHIA, BUT SHE SEEMS TO BE HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME!

YES, AND SHE'S BEHAVING LIKE AN ANGEL! I CAN JUST HEAR THE WARNINGS SHE GOT FROM HER MOTHER BEFORE THEY CAME OVER!



I GUESS I HOPED FOR TOO MUCH! CYNTHIA HAS BEEN PLAYING THAT ANGELIC ROLE SO LONG THAT SHE'S LEARNED TO MAKE IT CONVINCING!



SICK WITH DESPAIR, I SAW THE PARTY DRAWING TO A CLOSE WITH BOB STILL CONVINCED THAT HE WAS MARRYING THE SWEET, OLD-FASHIONED GIRL THAT MRS. DAVIES HAD BRAGGED ABOUT! BUT THEN...

I PROPOSE A TOAST TO THE LOVELY BRIDE! AND IF THE GROOM HAS ANY DOUBTS ABOUT HER WARM, AFFECTIONATE NATURE, JUST LET HIM ASK ME!

HA! HA! OR ME! OR HANK! OR ANYBODY WHO'S KNOWN CYNTHIA FOR MORE THAN FIFTEEN MINUTES! HA! HA!



STOP THAT! STOP IT AND APOLOGIZE BEFORE I...

TH-THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I THINK IT'S TIME WE WENT HOME, CYNTHIA! JUST IGNORE THEM, BOB!



SURE, IGNORE US! LISTEN, FELLA! YOU CAN CALL US ALL LIARS IF YOU WANT TO, BUT IF YOU'RE SMART, YOU'LL ASK HER SOME QUESTIONS!

YOU SHUT UP, JIM! MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!



HEART THROBS

CYNTHIA'S VOICE WAS COARSE AND LOUD AS SHE TURNED ON JIM FARROW! AND FOR A MOMENT BOB LOOKED AT HER IN COMPLETE BEWILDERMENT! THEN:

COME, BOB, LET'S NOT STAND HERE AND ARGUE WITH THIS DISGUSTING PERSON!

WAIT A MINUTE! CYNTHIA, I... I DON'T WANT TO DOUBT YOU! JUST DENY WHAT HE SAID AND I'LL BREAK EVERY BONE IN HIS BODY!



SURE, CYNTHIA, DENY IT! DENY YOU CALLED ME UP LAST WEEK AND GREETED ME LIKE A LONG-LOST LOVER! DENY THAT YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO BE MARRIED BUT WHAT THE DUMB DOPE DIDN'T KNOW WOULDN'T HURT HIM!

WHY, YOU DOUBT-CROSSING... I MEAN...? BOB: OH, YOU'RE TERRIBLE, ALL OF YOU! ?BOB: I HATE YOU! I HATE YOU!



THERE WAS GRIM SILENCE IN THE ROOM FOR A MOMENT AND THEN MRS. DAVIES STORMED OUT, COMPLETELY FORGETTING HER ROLE AS THE SWEET, CHARMING MATRON!

I WON'T FORGET THIS, ELLEN BARRETT! YOU ARRANGED THIS DELIBERATELY, YOU VICIOUS LITTLE CAT!

WELL, WHAT A SWITCH IN CHARACTER!



SWITCH IN CHARACTER, MY EYE! YOU DON'T KNOW THAT OLD GIRL! SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO MARRY OFF THAT MALE-HAPPY DAUGHTER OF HERS FOR TWO YEARS!

AND I WAS GOING TO BE THE GOAT! I... I GUESS I OWE A LOT OF APOLOGIES ALL AROUND!



I'M SORRY, BOB, AND I'LL HAVE TO CONFESS THAT IT WAS DELIBERATE! I JUST... COULDN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF LETTING THEM RUIN YOUR LIFE!

DON'T BE SORRY, ELLEN! I'M NOT!



AND LATER, WHEN EVERY-ONE HAD GONE HOME!

I'VE BEEN DOUBTFUL ABOUT CYNTHIA FOR WEEKS, AND I'VE BEEN ALL MIXED UP INSIDE ABOUT...THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU! ONLY I FELT TRAPPED! I WAS AFRAID TO BACK DOWN BECAUSE IT SEEMED TOO LATE!

WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID, BOB? SOMETHING ABOUT...THE WAY YOU FELT ABOUT ME!



BOB DIDN'T ANSWER! HE JUST TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND HELD ME FOR A LONG TIME, SILENTLY, CLOSELY! AND THEN I KNEW THAT HE WASN'T MIXED UP ANYMORE! WE BOTH KNEW WE HAD FOUND LOVE, AND THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST NO LONGER MATTERED!!



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Advice on Love Problems

By Marilyn Minton

Dear Marilyn Minton:

I have read your advice to others and I am sure that you can help me solve my problem. I have liked one boy for almost three years but he has never known that I was alive. This year I have three class with him at school, and he speaks to me sometimes when we are changing classes. He belongs to another group than mine, so it is almost impossible that he might ask me for a date. I'm sure that if he asks me once, we will get along fine and he will ask me for a date again. Can you tell me what might help to get him to ask me out? I've tried almost everything except asking him. I don't think that I've been over-anxious though.

Sincerely

D.P.

Georgetown, S.C.

Dear D.P.

I think you can feel reasonably sure that the young man you mention was well aware of your existence long before you met in the same classes at school. However, as is often the case, even though he may find you attractive, he is liable to be very slow about asking you for a date. In such an instance, some initiative may be exercised by a young lady, but the only time when I would consider it proper to ask a boy out would be if you invited a group of young people to your home. In that case, he would be just another guest and not your particular date. Or, if a girls' organization to which you belonged decided to give a party where it was part of the plan to invite boys, you could then ask this young man to attend. Once you have been in a mixed social gathering together, it would open the way for him to ask you for a date. In any event, be gracious and charming at all times, my dear. It's a woman's way of working wonders.

Marilyn Minton

Dear Marilyn Minton:

Two years ago I married the boy I had gone with for three years. We have a little baby now, almost a year old. I had dreamed of this being the happiest of marriages but my husband has changed completely. He says he isn't sure he wants the whole responsibility of a wife and family and that I have too many movie ideas about the perfect marriage, and that I don't take housework and motherhood seriously enough. He has started going out at night. I know he is bowling or playing cards with his friends, but still it leaves me all alone. I feel lost, I don't know what to do. Can you help me find the solution to my problem.

Yours truly

Mrs. Rachel E.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Rachel E:

Surprisingly enough, your letter is typical of many I receive. Some young wives today are victims of the idea of a storybook romance and instead of trying to adjust themselves to their marriage during the first difficult year or two, they are constantly living in a dream world that can't be shared by the husband

whose realistic workaday problems don't leave him time for dreams. Perhaps if you were to concentrate on your job as a mother and housewife, and still look glamorous for your husband when he comes home to a sparkling house and an immaculate, well-behaved baby, he would start spending his leisure time at home once more. At any rate, try to cooperate with him and to share the responsibilities that marriage places upon all of us. It takes two mature people to make a marriage and I feel confident that by applying yourself to the job, you will be successful.

Marilyn Minton

Dear Marilyn Minton:

I am fourteen years old and in my first year of High School. One or two boys have asked me for dates and because of my parents I have to refuse them. Both my mother and dad insist that I bring the boys home for them to meet before I go out with them and they also say that I can't have dates on week nights and I can only stay out until midnight on Saturday nights. I think this is a pretty old-fashioned way for them to act and have said so and mother told me to write to you and see what you think about it. Don't you think I should be allowed to have all the dates I want without having to bring them home for my parents to look over? What shall I do?

Very truly yours

Frances P.

Cheyenne, Wyo.

Dear Frances P.

Why not cooperate with your parents, Frances, and ask the boys who want to date you to call for you at your home. That way, your parents will meet them briefly and there need be no "looking over" as you phrase it. Also, it isn't unusual for young ladies of fourteen to be denied week night dates nor to have a midnight curfew on Saturday nights. You'll find that the boys you date will respect you for agreeing to your parents' wishes and you'll notice that things at home are a lot more pleasant for all concerned.

Marilyn Minton

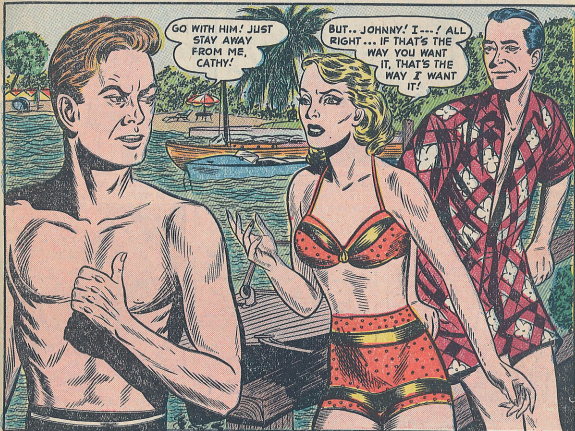
IF YOU ARE TROUBLED BY A LOVE PROBLEM, WRITE TO MARILYN MINTON, NOTED PSYCHOLOGIST AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COUNSELOR, 347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

We will print as many of these letters as space permits. Because of the time involved, Marilyn Minton is unable to make any personal replies.

HEART THROBS

TWO MEN KISSED ME AND SAID THEY LOVED ME! BUT WHEN ONE RETRACTED HIS STATEMENT AND SENT ME INTO THE ARMS OF THE OTHER, IT SEEMED I WOULD NEVER SEE...

MY DREAMS COME TRUE



GO WITH HIM! JUST STAY AWAY FROM ME, CATHY!

BUT.. JOHNNY! I---! ALL RIGHT... IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU WANT IT, THAT'S THE WAY I WANT IT!

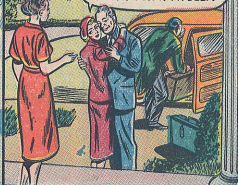
I FELT CAREFREE AND INDEPENDENT AS I PREPARED TO LEAVE FOR MY TWO WEEK VACATION ... THE SHORTEST VACATION THAT I HAD EVER KNOWN, BUT IN MANY WAYS THE MOST SATISFACTORY, AS IT WAS THE FIRST THAT I HAD EVER EARNED!

DEAR..I DON'T SEE WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO GO WITH YOUR FATHER AND ME! SOME OF THE FINEST PEOPLE WILL BE THERE!

I DON'T DOUBT IT, MOTHER! BUT THEY'LL BE YOUR AGE AND NOT MINE! BESIDES, IT'S FABULOUSLY EXPENSIVE!

BUT, CATHY.. DADDY WOULD PAY IF YOU CAME WITH US!

MOMS.. WE'VE GONE ALL THROUGH THIS! I WORKED FOR FIFTY WEEKS AND I EARNED A TWO WEEK VACATION! AND I WANT TO PAY FOR IT MYSELF!



HEART THROBS

MOTHER, BLESS HER HEART WOULD NEVER QUITE UNDERSTAND ME! SHE HAD KNOWN WEALTH AND GOOD LIVING ALL HER LIFE, AS HAD I! BUT I HAD SHOCKED HER BY GETTING A JOB IN A PUBLISHING HOUSE, AND SHE COULDN'T APPRECIATE THE FEELING OF INDEPENDENCE THAT I HAD ACQUIRED.



DEX SEEMED VERY NICE AND I DID SEE A LOT OF HIM DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS!



DESPITE A TOUCH OF SARCASM, JOHNNY WAS A VERY CHARMING CONVERSATIONALIST! I SOON LEARNED THAT HE WAS A GRADUATE ENGINEER, DUE TO BEGIN WORK IN HIS FIELD AT THE CLOSE OF THE SUMMER! AS I BEGAN TELLING HIM OF MY JOB AS A PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT, DEX RETURNED.



FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT JOHNNY WOULD REPLY TO DEX'S THOUGHTLESS WORDS! BUT INSTEAD HE TURNED ABRUPTLY AND STRODE OFF! DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, HOWEVER I MANAGED TO SEE JOHNNY OCCASIONALLY!



BUT I DOUBT IF I'D LIKE HIM! I'LL SEE YOU AROUND, CATHY! I'M LIABLE TO DO SOMETHING WHICH WOULD COST ME MY JOB... AND I NEED



I LIKED JOHNNY, PERHAPS MORE THAN I KNEW, BUT HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD DEX, OR MORE PARTICULARLY TOWARD DEX'S MONEY BOTHERED ME! HE SEEMED TO BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST WEALTHY PEOPLE AND EVEN SEEMED TO IMPLY THAT MY INTEREST IN DEX WAS A MONETARY ONE! EARLY ONE MORNING...

HI! IF I KNEW YOU WERE AN EARLY RISER, CATHY, I WOULD HAVE ASKED YOU TO JOIN ME! I'M DOWN FOR A DIP EVERY MORNING BEFORE BREAKFAST!



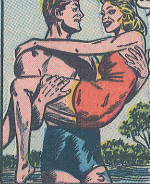
SWIMMING HERE IN THE MORNING BY MYSELF HAS BEEN VERY SPECIAL TO ME, CATHY! YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I'VE MET THAT I'D LIKE TO



I HAD HEARD IT SAID CHERISHED MOMENTS ARE MADE SWEETER WHEN SHARED WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE.. AND JOHNNY HAD ASKED ME TO SHARE SUCH A MOMENT! I DROVE INTO THE WATER, AFRAID TO BELIEVE WHAT MY HEART TOLD ME! THEN, AS I CAME UP FOR AIR...



MARRY ME.. CATHY! MARRY ME! JOHNNY.. I DON'T KNOW! EVERYTHING'S HAPPENED SO FAST! ARE YOU SURE?



I'VE NEVER BEEN SURE OF ANYTHING! JOHNNY! SOB! ..DARLING!



ALF-CRYING, HALF-LAUGHING, I REMAINED CLOSE IN JOHNNY'S ARMS, ALMOST UNABLE TO BELIEVE THAT WE HAD MET ONLY THE WEEK BEFORE!

WELL, I SEE THE HELP IS OUT EARLY MAKING HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES!

JUST WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT, RANDOLPH?

...DEX!



I MEAN YOUR ARDOR IS MOTIVATED BY PURELY FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS! IT WOULD BE QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IF YOU WERE TO MARRY INTO THE WELDON STEEL CORPORATION!

WELDON STEEL?

DEX... HE DOESN'T...



I'M SURPRISED AT YOU, CATHY, BECOMING INVOLVED WITH SOMEONE SO FAR BELOW YOU!

PLEASE, DEX -- YOU'RE NOT--!

YOU-- YOU CERTAINLY HAD ME FOOLED, CATHY! YOU'VE REALLY PLAYED ME FOR QUITE A CHUMP!

IN THE SHORT TIME, I HAD KNOWN JOHNNY, THE FACT THAT MY FATHER OWNED WELDON STEEL SIMPLY HADN'T COME INTO THE CONVERSATION! BUT JOHNNY MADE IT SOUND AS IF I HAD HIDDEN THIS FACT FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF MAKING HIM OUT A FOOL!



WELL -- YOU'VE BEEN SLUMMING LONG ENOUGH! YOU'VE SEEN HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES.. AND LOVES.. AND NOW YOU CAN GO BACK TO YOUR OWN KIND!

JOHNNY--! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!



I'M SAYING GOODBYE! OTHERWISE I MIGHT BEGIN TO BELIEVE WHAT YOUR KISSES SEEMED TO SAY! WHEN THE "WORKING GIRL" TURNS OUT TO BE "MISS MONEY-BAGS OF 1952" THAT'S MY CUE TO LEAVE!

IF... THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, JOHNNY-- GO!



JOHNNY TURNED AND LEFT WITH- OUT A WORD! I STOOD TREMBLING AND SHAKEN, UNABLE TO COMPREHEND WHAT HAD HAPPENED... AND WHY! IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE THAT MINUTES BEFORE, HE HAD ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM! DURING THE NEXT WEEK, JOHNNY STUDIOUSLY AVOIDED ME! AND DEX WAS WITH ME EVERYWHERE!

CATHY, YOU KNOW MY SISTER, YOU KNOW OF MY PARENTS, AND YOU'VE KNOWN ME FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS! OUR BACKGROUNDS ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL AND WE'VE MANY INTERESTS IN COMMON!

YES, DEX... THAT'S TRUE!



I THINK YOU'D MAKE A PERFECT WIFE FOR ME!

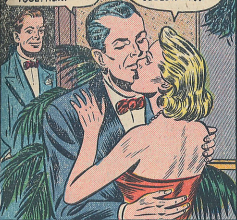
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HEART THROBS

AND I'M SURE WE'D HAVE A PLEASANT LIFE TOGETHER!

DEX... YOU'RE SWEET... BUT I COULDN'T...



I STARED INTO JOHNNY'S EYES FOR ONE STARTLED MOMENT... AND THEN HE TURNED AWAY! BUT I HADN'T MISSED HIS LOOK OF CONTEMPT! SUDDENLY, I HAD TO GET BACK AT HIM... HURT HIM AS HE HAD HURT ME!

DEX-- I'LL MARRY YOU!

THAT'S FINE, CATHY! WE'LL ANNOUNCE OUR ENGAGEMENT SOON AND PLAN ON A WEDDING NEXT SUMMER!



NO! I WANT TO GET MARRIED IMMEDIATELY! AS SOON AS ...! SOB!... THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO EMOTIONAL, CATHY! BUT I'LL SEE IF WE CAN SPEED UP THINGS! PERHAPS, THIS WINTER!



THAT NIGHT, I CRIED MYSELF TO SLEEP, UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY A MAN I LOVED HATED ME... AND A MAN I DIDN'T LOVE... WHO DIDN'T LOVE ME, I HAD CONSENTED TO MARRY! THE NEXT MORNING...

YOU MISSED MOST OF THE FUN, CATHY! THE GUESTS AND THE STAFF ARE TIED! DEX SCORED BOTH GOALS FOR THE GUESTS!



THEN I SAW DEX AND JOHNNY AS THEY WENT UNDER TRYING TO GAIN POSSESSION OF THE BALL FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE TEAMS!



WENDY'S QUESTION WENT UNANSWERED AS WE TENSELY WAITED FOR THE TWO MEN TO COME UP FOR AIR!

THERE'S DEX NOW! AND HE'S GOT THE BALL! BUT-- WHERE'S JOHNNY?



ON A MOMENT, EVERYONE REALIZED THAT SOMETHING WAS WRONG! AND THEN JOHNNY WAS CARRIED UNCONSCIOUS OUT OF THE POOL! HARDLY REALIZING WHAT I WAS DOING, I RAN TO HIM!

CATHY.. I--GET AWAY FROM ME! YOU'RE FORGETTING MY FATHER DOESN'T OWN ANY BANKS OR RAILROADS!



THIS... THIS DOES IT, JOHNNY! YOU'VE WON! YOU WANTED ME TO HATE YOU... AND NOW I DO!



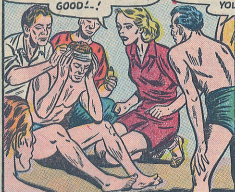
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EVERYTHING I HADN'T UNDERSTOOD BEFORE WAS NOW 'CRYSTAL CLEAR'! TEARFULLY I SHOUTED MANY THINGS I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN... SHOULD HAVE SAID BEFORE!

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, JOHNNY! YOUR HEART IS FILLED WITH HATE AND ENVY! SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE, YOU DECIDED THAT THE RICH WERE BAD... AND ONLY THE POOR, GOOD!..!

CATHY -- EVERYONE CAN HEAR YOU!

VERY SELF-RIGHTEOUSLY YOU SUSPECTED ME OF BEING INTERESTED IN DEX'S MONEY WHEN YOU THOUGHT I HAD NONE! AND WHEN YOU LEARNED I HAD PLENTY, YOU SULKED OFF, ACCUSING ME OF TRIFLING WITH YOUR AFFECTIONS!



BUT YOU'RE ABYSMALLY IGNORANT OF ONE THING-- RICH OR POOR, PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE... LIVING AND LOVING NO MATTER WHAT THEIR ECONOMIC STANDARD! AND THAT GOES FOR YOU, TOO, DEX! BOTH OF YOU REPRESENT THE TWO HORRIBLE EXTREMES! GOOD-BYE!

WITH TEAR-FILLED EYES I RUSHED TO MY ROOM AND STARTED PACKING MY BAGS! I COULDN'T WAIT TO GET BACK TO THE PEOPLE WHO ACCEPTED ME FOR WHAT I WAS RATHER THAN FOR WHAT I HAD OR DIDN'T HAVE! THEN I HEARD A TIMID KNOCK ON THE DOOR!

CATHY.. I... I COULDN'T LET YOU GO WITHOUT SEEING YOU... I --!

I THINK WE'VE.. SEEN TO MUCH OF EACH OTHER ALREADY!

YOU'RE RIGHT.. CATHY! AND EVERYTHING YOU SAID... EVERY WORD WAS TRUE! I KILLED THE WONDERFUL THING WE FOUND THAT MORNING AT THE LAKE! I'M SORRY...! GOOD-BYE, CATHY...! I...! GOOD-BYE...!



BUT AS JOHNNY TURNED TO LEAVE, I CALLED HIS NAME! I COULDN'T LET HIM GO... COULD NEVER LET HIM GO!

JOHNNY... I... I SAID BEFORE THAT "PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE"... AND PEOPLE MAKE MISTAKES! YOU MADE A TERRIBLE ONE, JOHNNY, BUT--! JOHNNY... DO YOU STILL LOVE ME?

STILL...? CATHY... IN MY HEART, I'VE NEVER STOPPED LOVING YOU! WHEN YOU WALKED AWAY FROM ME BEFORE, I STOPPED LIVING! YOU'RE MY LIFE, CATHY!

THEN, JOHNNY... WE'LL TRY IT AGAIN -- BECAUSE, JOHNNY... I CAN'T HELP LOVING YOU!

AS JOHNNY'S ARMS ENFOLDED ME AND OUR LIPS MET, I KNEW THAT OUR LOVE HAD SURVIVED IT'S WEREST TRIAL... THAT NOTHING COULD EVER COME BETWEEN US AGAIN!

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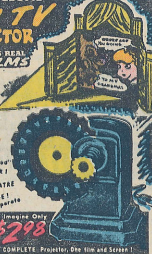
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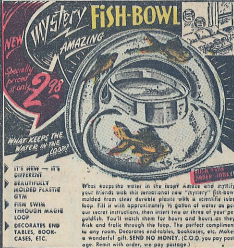
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